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MACHINE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE SETS 1950 TARGETS;
TIENTSIN ORGANIZES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ALLOTS MACHINE INDUSTRY CONTRACTS -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 17 Jun 50

Peiping, 10 June (Hsin-hua) -- A 3-month conference of machine industry leaders from both publicly and privately operated industries closed here 23 May. The conference was convened by the Ministry of Heavy Industries of the Central People's government. The conference allotted many government contracts to both publicly and privately operated machine industries, thus disposing of their basic production problems for the current year. Aside from military arsenals and the Northeast machine industry, the government orders distributed at the conference will occupy 70 percent of the productive capacity of all publicly and privately operated machine industries for the latter half of the year.

In the distribution of orders, particular attention was paid to the capabilities and special facilities of each industry to make the most effective use of the plant and working force of each. In the past, many factories have undertaken work without special planning and have often done all types of work indifferently. The conference action will promote specialization by the various plants involved.

TIENTSIN MERCHANTS, INDUSTRIALISTS ORGANIZE -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 3 May 50

Tientsin, 1 May (Hsin-hua) -- At a meeting on 29 April 1950, attended by 258 businessmen of the city, the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce and Industry was organized. Li Chu-ch'en (1) /numbers refer to appended characters/ was elected head of an executive committee of 50 members. The functions of this organization are to unite the merchants and industrialists of the city in closer relations and to promote economic reconstruction.

Major Huang Ching (2), of Tientsin, expressed the opinion that the present economic difficulties were temporary, that matters had already taken a turn for the better, and that if there was a good harvest this summer and fall, the increased purchasing power of the rural areas would, as a matter of course, bring about more prosperous conditions.

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AN-SHAN STEEL PLANT SEEKS WU-HSI WORKERS -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 3 May 50

Wu-hsi -- The An-shan Steel Plant, near Mukden, has taken steps to enroll the unemployed skilled labor of Wu-hsi and surrounding cities for work in their mills. The Employment Office of the Labor Bureau of the local government has already registered 236 applicants for examination as to qualifications.

KWANGTUNG PAPER MILL TO RESUME ACTIVITY -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 11 Jun 50

The Ministry of Light Industry of the Central government has instructed the Kwangtung Provincial Office of Industry to advance a loan of 7,382,690,800 yuan for rehabilitation of the Kwangtung Paper Mill, the largest in South China. In the eyes of the authorities, the Kwangtung mill offers the best prospects for progress. The plant is government owned. The ministry is also shipping from the north a large supply of firebrick to be used in boiler installation. Several months will be required for the installation of boilers, paper machinery, and electrical installations. No source has yet been found for the supply of copper screens and high-tension wire.

To prepare the personnel for beginning operations, the plant sent 26 men to the Northeast for 3 months' training in the paper mills of that area. Of this group, 12 are workmen and 14 are students from the higher industrial technological school of the province.

SHANGHAI COAL PRICES DROP AGAIN -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 3 May 50

Shanghai -- To reduce the operating costs of industry and to lighten the burden of private consumers, the Shanghai branch of the China Coal and Building Material Company has again lowered the price of coal from 2 May 1950. The price per ton of the various types and grades of coal, ex the P'u-tung yard, are as follows:

	<u>Yuan</u>
Yang-ch'uan (screened lump coal)	490,000
Hongay (screened lump coal)	500,000
Chiao-tso (screened lump coal)	470,000
American (screened lump coal)	470,000
American (nut coal)	450,000
Chiao-tso (nut coal)	450,000
Yang-ch'uan (pea coal)	340,000
Chiao-tso (pea coal)	320,000

To the above prices should be added 10,000 yuan per ton for coal ex Yard No 5, and 30,000 yuan for coal ex Yard No 6, both of which yards are located in the main part of the city on the west side of the Huang-p'u Chiang. For the convenience of the public, the company has opened a number of offices where orders can be placed and paid for.

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